THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALA-SUBRAMONIYAN): (a) At present SSC has seven regional offices. The regional offices are located at new Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Mumbai, Allahabad, Guwahati, Bangalore. There are two sub-regional offices at Raipur and Chandigarh.

(b) No, Sir.

Abandoning of Drilled Wells before attaining the required depth

582. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the wells drilled by the Bay Exploration Project of Oil India Ltd. along Mahanadi Basin and the North East Coast were abandoned before attaining the required depth; and

(b) if so, the number of wells drilled in the area since the Bay Exploration Project was set up and the reasons for abandoning them before attaining the required depth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited has drilled 7 wells in Mahanadi Off-shore, 4 wells in Mahanadi On-shore and 4 wells in NEC Off-shore areas i.e. a total of 15 wells. Out of these 3 wells reached the required depth, 6 wells encountered basement or crystalline rocks, therefore, further drilling had to be terminated. The remaining 6 wells were not drilled upto target depth due to downhole problems.

Targets and Production of Crude Oil

583. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and the actual production of crude oil during each of the last three years in each oil producing State;

(b) whether the production has been decreasing during these years;

(c) if so, the total value and quantity imported during each of the last three years;

(d) the comparative off-shore and on-shore crude oil production at present; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the import and to increase the domestic production of crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a), (b) and (d) The targets and achievements of crude oil production during the last three years State-wise and the comparative figures of off-shore and on-shore production are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) The total value and quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years was as under:—

Imports of Crude Oil & Petroleum Products
(Qty.: Million Tonnes, Value Rs. Crores)

Item	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty. (April—Dec., 96)	Value
A. Crude Oil	27.349	10316	27.342	11517	25.646	13940
B. Petroleum Products	10.697	5934	16,900	10746	11.946	9378
TOTAL (A + B)	38.046	16250	44.242	22263	37.592	23318

(e) Steps taken by the Government to increase crude oil production and reduce import are:—

Implementation of new projects/ schemes and additional development of existing fields.

Implementation of EOR Schemes and extending some of EOR's Schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.

Implementation of specialised technologies such as ERD, side track, horizontal and drain hole drilling.

Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

3-D seismic survey of the oil fields.

Rectificatory measures such as aggressive workovers, use of specialised technologies like long/short drift side track, drain hole have been planned for revival of sick wells which still have potential.

Encouraging the participation of private/joint venture in the oil sector.

Enhancing exploration of hydro-carbons and increasing reserves through seismic surveys, deep water exploration, acquisition of acreages/ reserves abroad and exploration in frontier areas.

Statement

State-wise Target & Actual Production of Crude Oil by ONGC and OIL

(Million Tonnes)

State	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual* (Apr.— Dec.96
Gujarat	5.850	6.279	6.150	6.360	6.60	4.715
Assam/Arunachal Pradesh	5.930	5.078	5.68	5.072	5.22	3.644
Tamil Nadu/ Andhra Pradesh	0.681	0.656	0.479	0.418	0.292	0.278
Bombay High	19.818	20.226	23.987	22.665	22.00	15.280
Total	32.279	32.239	36.296	34.515	34.112	23.917
On-shore	12.461	12.013	12.309	11.850	12.112	8.637
Off-shore	19.818	20.226	23.987	22.665	22.00	15.280

*Provisional.